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New Suits.

Matilda Hodges vs. Charles Hodges; divorce. Dorgan & Dorgan.
William Horton, adm'r, vs. George Nelson; bill to set aside deed. Jas. E. Chandler.
Clark J. Whitney vs. William H. Kellogg; replevin. Osborn, Mills & Master.

Marriage Licenses.

Martin Doren, 24, Paw Paw; Bertha M. Foster, 18, Arlington.
Charles W. Summey, 38, Bertramont; Lydia F. Taylor, 28, Coma.
Fred C. Burk, 21; Bessie M. Baxter, 17, both of Paw Paw.
George Eitle, 28; Ennice Potter, 29, both of Geneva.

Probate Court Proceedings.

Following is a synopsis of the proceedings in Judge Heckert's court for the week ending November 17:
Matter of R. C. Mix and L. P. Mix, minors; G. W. Merriman appointed guardian.
Matter of Mary Mawso et al., minors; Joseph Joss appointed guardian.
Estate of Jacob Metz, deceased; hearing on final account adjourned to Nov. 30.
Estate of John V. Roosevelt, deceased; license to sell real estate granted.
Estate of John P. Hauold, deceased; estate closed to creditors.
Estate of J. G. Parkhurst, deceased; petition for license to mortgage denied.
Estate of Michael Carp, deceased; order allowing claims.
Estate of Alonzo A. Story, deceased; final account; hearing Dec. 14.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate were recorded in the register's office during the past week:
Emma W. Johnson to M. C. Craig; par sec 10 South Haven; \$900.
Jos Dodge to J. J. Dodge; par sec 30 par sec 19 Decatur; \$200.
Geo Brown to John Vernon; 3 1/2 a n e q s e q 9 Keeler; \$220.
Jos Wright to M. B. Duke; w 20 a s e q 36 South Haven; \$1200.
Anna Sheridan to D. C. Hale; lot vill Breedsville; \$350.
E. B. Longwell to Mattie L. Higgins; 53 a w h e q 19 Antwerp; \$4000.
E. E. Napier to E. J. Lockhart; lots 29, 30 block — Napier's add South Haven; \$225.
S. M. Dougherty to Chas Graham et al; 1 a sec 36 Geneva; \$400.
L. S. Monroe to C. S. Corwin; n e q s e q 14 Covert; \$800.
S. C. Foster to Ben Foster; w h e q n e q 11 Columbia; \$500.
J. W. Blain to C. A. Finch; w h e s w q 14 Almena; \$400.

Primary School Money.

Following is the semi-annual appointment of the primary school money to the several townships of this county:

Townships	Pupils	Amount
Almena	266	\$204 82
Antwerp	488	\$375 76
Arlington	520	\$400 40
Bangor	726	\$559 02
Bloomington	697	\$538 05
Columbia	441	\$339 57
Covert	420	\$321 10
Decatur	631	\$485 87
Geneva	491	\$378 07
Hamilton	265	\$204 05
Hartford	687	\$528 99
Keeler	285	\$219 45
Lawrence	423	\$323 41
Paw Paw	630	\$485 10
Pine Grove	459	\$353 43
Porter	342	\$263 34
South Haven	1094	\$843 38
Waverly	341	\$263 57

Total \$7099 40

The number of persons of school age reported in the entire county is twenty-eight less than for the previous year.

Circuit Court.

The people vs. Frank Morris; burglary; respondent arraigned and pleaded guilty; sentenced to the industrial school.
The people vs. Freeman Hodges, John Evans, John Harbin and Frank Gould; burglary; respondents arraigned and pleaded guilty. Hodges and Gould sentenced to prison for six months each. Evans sentenced to industrial school. Harbin's plea of guilty set aside by order of the court and plea of not guilty entered.
The Capital National Bank vs. Fred Brooks; order for security for costs.
The people vs. Lewis Carr; uttering forged instrument; information quashed.
The people vs. Leon Fellows, Floyd Rymes and Clarence Young; violation of local option law. Fellows fined \$75 and costs or 90 days in jail; Rymes and Young each fined \$50 and costs or 60 days in jail.
The people vs. Peter Houghtaling; violation of local option law; fined \$75 and costs or 90 days in jail.
Anna Ingleson vs. Hiram H. Ingleson; divorce; decree granted.
Burt W. Cornwell vs. Chas. A. Adams; appeal from justice court; tried before the court; decision reserved.
Court adjourned until Monday, Nov. 28, at 2:30 p. m.

Sunday School Convention.

The 24th annual convention of the Van Buren County Sunday School Association, held at the Methodist church in this village, on Wednesday and Thursday last, was an interesting, successful and profitable meeting. Owing to the fact that the State Sunday School Association was to meet in Kalamazoo on the next Tuesday, and many of the workers desiring to be present there, the attendance was not quite as large as it might otherwise have been.

The meeting opened Wednesday afternoon with devotional exercises led by Rev. F. W. Corbett, pastor of the M. E. church. This was followed by an open conference, "Why are we here?" participated in by a number of delegates, the conclusion being that "we are here" for the purpose of learning how we may do better work in the Sunday school.

The next topic was "Needs of our Work." Hon. J. S. Cross of Bangor, who was to lead on this subject, not being present, Rev. C. B. Hart of Gobleville opened the discussion. The speaker said "we need soul-winners, we need enthusiasm, we need prayer." He was followed by Rev. A. S. Williams of Porter, who said "We need devoted and enthusiastic Sunday school workers for pastors, we need earnest, prayerful, consecrated superintendents, and thoughtful energetic faithful teachers." Rev. J. H. Hammond of Decatur followed. He said "we need enthusiasm, earnestness and a greater realization of the importance of our work."

The evening session was opened with a song service conducted by Prof. Haworth of Antwerp, which was followed by a very instructive address on "The Book" by Rev. E. D. Bostwick of Covert. Not one book in a thousand lives five years, not one in twenty thousand lives a century, but the bible has been tested by science, by time, by its fruits, by its effect on sinful men, and is stronger to-day than ever before.

Thursday morning's session was begun with a praise service conducted by Rev. M. S. Waller of Paw Paw, after which came the official reports, reports of schools etc., which occupied nearly all the forenoon. The treasurer's report showed receipts \$82 93; disbursements \$59 00; balance \$23 93. An appropriation of \$25 was made to receive past pledge to the state association and the county was pledged for \$50 the coming year.

The afternoon session was opened with a praise service conducted by Mrs. Anna Barton of Paw Paw. Secretary Rowland reported that reports had been received from 54 schools, about two thirds of the entire number in the county. These schools showed a membership of 4,419. 118 additions to the churches of the county have been made from these schools during the past year. They have collected and expended for missionary work the sum of \$170 90; for state and county work, \$54 76; for support of the schools, \$1,143 33.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: W. C. Y. Ferguson of Paw Paw, president; Miss Agnes Simmons of Lawrence, secretary; T. E. Blashfield of Hartford, treasurer. D. B. Allen of Covert, J. S. Cross of Bangor and E. A. Aseltine of Gobleville, executive committee. The township vice presidents are R. G. Hutchins of Arlington, F. E. Root of Covert, Henry De Long of Bangor, C. E. Lewis of Antwerp, S. A. Breed of Almena, C. B. Hart of Bloomington, N. H. Adams of Columbia, I. S. Dewey of Decatur, C. M. Clark of Geneva, Ada Grove of Hartford, Mrs. John Bennett of Hamilton, Mrs. Oscar Adams of Keeler, Mrs. S. M. Hess of Lawrence, H. M. Kingsley of Pine Grove, Grace Burlington of Porter, C. E. Hutchins of Paw Paw, G. W. Griffin of South Haven, W. H. Adriance of Waverly, L. G. Stewart, C. M. Clark, M. H. Pugsley, G. W. Griffin and A. S. Packard were appointed delegates to the state convention. Mrs. A. S. Packard of Covert read an interesting paper on the "Home department of the Sunday school," and Mrs. J. H. Emmons of Mattawan followed with an equally interesting essay on "Home, its relation to the Sunday school." The subject of house to house visitation was taken up and quite thoroughly discussed, a determination being manifested that some work should be done along this line during the coming year. The evening session was opened with a praise service under the leadership of Prof. Haworth, which was enthusiastic and inspiring.

The committee on resolutions, R. M. Wait of Almena, Miss Gertrude Enlow of Covert and Miss Myrtle Hodge of South Haven, submitted resolutions thanking Paw Paw people for their hospitality, the speakers and essayists for their work, Prof. Haworth and his assistants for the music, the retiring officers for their past services, the committee on reception for their efficient work, and extending congratulations and best wishes to the newly chosen officers of the association. The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote of the delegates, aside from Paw Paw.

The session was concluded by an able and instructive address on the subject of "Christian Patriotism," delivered by Rev. E. H. Harvey of Paw Paw.

The next meeting of the association will be held at Lawrence some time in October, 1897.

"If taken into the head by the nostrils two or three times a week, Thomas' Electric Oil will positively relieve the most offensive case of catarrh." Rev. E. F. Crane, Dunkirk, N. Y.

Dwight L. Moody, the famous evangelist, has made a contract with the *Ladies' Home Journal*, by which he will conduct in that magazine a series of popular Bible studies in the form of a great national Bible class. It will be made into a regular and permanent department of the *Journal* and is to be known as "Mr. Moody's Bible Class." The evangelist will personally lead his unique "Bible Class" each month in the exposition of some of the vital Bible truths, and will naturally appeal to a large circle of readers.

Official Canvass.

The following is the result of the official canvass of the votes cast in this county on the 3d day of November. It will be noticed that the variation is very slight from the figures given in the *NORTHERNER* within less than thirty-six hours after the counting of the votes. In some instances there is not the difference of a single vote:

Electors—
Republican 4506 to 4513
Silver 3976 to 3983
Democrat 93
Prohibition 73
National 23 to 30
Republican plurality 530

Governor—
Pingree 4618
Whiting 3893
Sprague 109
Safford 75
Gibson 29
Pingree's plurality 725

Lieut. Governor—
Dunstan 4516
Whiting 3969
Felch 92
Andrus 76
Hatch 30
Dunstan's plurality 547

Secretary of State—
Gardner 4540
Bruce 3954
Boyce 93
Roelofs 72
Dean 26
Gardner's plurality 596

State Treasurer—
Steel's plurality 541
Auditor General—
Dix's plurality 546
Commissioner Land Office—
French's plurality 536

Attorney General—
Maynard's plurality 541
Supt. Pub. Instruction—
Hammond's plurality 535
Mem. State Board Education—
Simmons' plurality 535

Congressman—
Hamilton 4528
Jarvis 3984
Hamilton's majority 544

State Senator—
Merriman 4555
Lewis 3962
Merriman's majority 593

Representative—
Phillips 4516
Reese 4003
Phillips' majority 513

Sheriff—
Lamberson 4423
Fish 4083
Lamberson's majority 349

Judge of Probate—
Johnson 4487
Cavanaugh 4028
Johnson's majority 459

County Clerk—
Buck 4597
Doyle 3941
Buck's majority 656

Register of Deeds—
Harvey 4544
Weeks 3973
Harvey's majority 571

County Treasurer—
Mitchell 4545
Palmer 3972
Mitchell's majority 573

Prosecuting Attorney—
Chandler 4446
Free 4072
Chandler's majority 374

Commissioners—
Rowland 4519
Wicksall 4525
Reynolds 3996
McNeil 3990
Rowland's majority 523
Wicksall's majority 535

Coroners—
Dean 4526
Trowbridge 4526
Stevens 3988
Baldwin 3988
Dean's majority 538
Trowbridge's majority 538

Surveyor—
Mutchler 4526
Goss 3988
Mutchler's majority 538

Wouldn't You?

If I had a son who would smoke cigarettes, I'd instill him
With thoughts of the evils the habit begets.
And I'd fill him
With dread of all. How to free him from its nets
I would drill him,
And if that did no good, without any regrets,
I would kill him.
—L. A. W. Bulletin.

THE MUSICAL CONDUCTOR.

He Was Almost Unknown In England a Hundred Years Ago.

The baton as a conducting stick did not come into general use in England until the third decade of the present century. Up to that time the conductor, in the present acceptance of the term, was almost unknown. There were, however, instances of a conductor who really did beat time. Samuel Wesley, in one of his lectures delivered in 1827, said: "I remember that in the time of Dr. Boyce it was customary to mark the measure to the orchestra with a roll of parchment or paper in hand, and this usage is yet continued at St. Paul's cathedral, at the musical performances for the Sons of Clergy." Wesley goes on to say that the custom was not followed at the theaters and oratorios. It is therefore certain that the conductor, as a time beater, was the exception and not the rule.

Handel "conducted" his operas and oratorios at the harpsichord or organ. At the Handel commemoration of 1784, held in Westminster abbey, Joah Bates led his forces of 525 performers from the organ, and not with a baton. Haydn, who conducted his "Salomon Symphonies" at the Hanover Square rooms in 1791, was announced thus: "Mr. Haydn will preside at the harpsichord and will compose for every night a new piece of music." During the first 30 years of the Philharmonic society (1813-33) there was no real conductor, except when foreign musicians like Spohr and Mendelssohn directed their own compositions. The programme of the Birmingham music festival of 1839 (when Michael Costa, then a youth of 19, made his first appearance in England as a singer) records, "Conductor Mr. Gressore, who will preside at the organ and pianoforte." Some idea of the then existing state of things may be gathered from The Quarterly Musical Magazine and Review, volume 10, 1839, pages 313 and 314: "It is the habit of some (conductors), when presiding at the piano-forte, to keep the pedals down and play throughout the piece, thus making the instrument far too prominent, but from this piece of bad taste Sir George Smart and persons accustomed to the business of the orchestra are totally exempt. A great obstacle opposed to the conductor is the shape of the grand pianoforte, which prevents his facing his band and places him with his back to the principal violoncello. In Beethoven's 'Pastoral Symphony,' which requires the fullest activity of eye, ear and hand, we have observed a square one used at the Philharmonic concerts."—London Musical Times.

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PROBATE ORDER.—State of Michigan

County of Van Buren.—
At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Van Buren, holden at the Probate office, in the village of Paw Paw, on Tuesday, the 17th day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.
Present, Hon. Benjamin F. Heckert, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Stephen Jones, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of C. J. S. Jones, son of said deceased, praying that this Court adjudicate and determine who are, or who were at the time of the death of said deceased, his legal heirs, and as such entitled to inherit his estate.
Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 14th day of December, 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and all persons interested in said estate are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the Probate office, in the village of Paw Paw, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.
And it is further ordered that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the *True Northerner*, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Van Buren, for three successive weeks at least previous to said day of hearing.
BENJ. F. HECKERT,
Judge of Probate.

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